



AT&T STATEMENT

“AT&T outsources wireless tower construction and maintenance to expert companies, many of which are large publicly traded firms with decades of experience. Our contracts with these companies require strict compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, including worker safety. AT&T requires these contractors to establish a separate safety organization to fully train their employees. We also require all of our contractors to perform background checks, including drug screens, on every individual who works on our projects. Contractors who violate the conditions of their contracts are subject to termination. Worker safety has always been a hallmark of AT&T.

“The wireless industry has invested tens of billions of dollars in recent years to enhance and expand cellular networks, requiring an enormous amount of work on cell towers. Over that time, data shows cell tower worker fatalities have significantly decreased. In fact, in 2011, outside contractors performed more than 45,000 unique jobs for AT&T – up 250% from 2009 – with no reported fatalities.

“Though AT&T does not handle wireless tower construction and maintenance itself, we strongly support the work of OSHA and the National Association of Tower Erectors, who together launched their wireless tower worker safety initiative in 2007, resulting in a dramatic improvement in worker safety.”

Should be attributed to Mark Siegel, AT&T spokesman